

REMARKS

Claims 107-164 are pending in the application.

Claims 2, 12-16, 19-22, 24, 29-32, 42-66, and 69-106 have been cancelled.

Claims 107-164 have been added. Support for the added claims can be found throughout the specification.


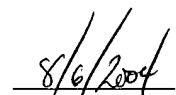
Phone Interview – July 21, 2004

The undersigned wishes to acknowledge the telephone interview conducted on July 21, 2004 and to thank the Examiner for his insight and for affording the undersigned an opportunity to discuss Applicants' claimed invention. While no agreement was reached during the interview, the undersigned believes this paper is in harmony with the positions expressed during the interview. To wit, Applicants believe the added claims are sufficient to overcome the cited art and the cancellation of the prior claims overcomes the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicants submit that all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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